

AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION (ASHA)

**DANTES Test
Centers'
Authorization**

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) authorizes military installations with DANTES test centers to administer the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) examination to uniformed military personnel.

Background

ASHA, a nonprofit organization, was founded in 1925. It is recognized nationally as an organization that maintains high standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, continuing education programs, and monitors and participates in the development and implementation of health care reform proposals and programs at the federal and state levels.

The U.S. Department of Education and the Commission of Recognition of Post Secondary Accreditation recognize ASHA as the accrediting organization for graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology.

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Rockville, MD 20852

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Description

**Exam Content
Outline and
Important
General
Information**

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) administers the national examination at least five times a year as a Specialty Area Test of The Praxis Series. Order the “Registration Bulletin” and “Test At A Glance” (TAAG) containing the content outline and sample questions for the examination directly from ETS.

**The Praxis Series Educational Testing Service
P.O. Box 6051
Princeton, NJ 08541-6051**

**Phone: (800) 772-9476
(TTY: (800) 272-1391)**

The Bulletin and TAAG may also be obtained by calling the ASHA National Office toll-free number at (800) 498-2071.

The examination is designed to measure the examinees’ academic preparation and knowledge of the profession. The examination focuses on three major areas:

- Evaluation
- Management, and
- Administration

The examination has approximately 150 objective multiple-choice questions with a 2-hour time limit.

Applicants for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) must pass the examination within 2 years from the date the course work and practicum submitted by the applicant are approved by the Clinical Certification Board.

Within this 2-year period, the applicant may retake the examination as often as it is administered until a passing score is achieved.

NOTE: If the applicant does not pass the examination during this period, the certification file will be closed, and the applicant will be required to reapply for the certification, after passing the exam, and meet the standards in effect at the time of reapplication.

Standards and Implementation Procedures for the CCC

Standard I: Degree

Applicants for either certificate must have a master's or doctoral degree.

- Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP), or
- Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A)

Verification of the graduate degree is required of all applicants before the certificate is awarded. Degree verification can be accomplished by submitting:

- An application signed by the director of the graduate program.
- A transcript showing that the degree has been awarded, or
- A letter from the graduate programs director or the college or university registrar.

NOTE: For specific implementation requirements visit the ASHA Web site at: http://professional.asha.org/certification/aud_standards.cfm or http://professional.asha.org/certification/slp_standards.cfm.

Effective January 1, 1994, all graduate course work and the graduate clinical practicum required in the professional area for which the Certificate is sought must have been initiated and completed at an institution whose program was accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology in the area for which the Certificate is sought.

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Standard II: Academic Course Work

Applicants for either certificate must have earned at least **75 semester credit hours** that reflect a well-integrated program of study dealing with:

- The biological/physical sciences and mathematics
- The behavioral and/or social sciences, including normal aspects of human behavior and communication, and
- The nature, prevention, evaluation, and treatment of speech, language, hearing, and related disorders.

Some course work must address issues pertaining to normal and abnormal human development and behavior across the life span and to culturally diverse populations.

NOTE: For specific important implementation requirements visit ASHA Web site at: http://professional.asha.org/certification/aud_standards.cfm or http://professional.asha.org/certification/slp_standards.cfm.

Standard II-A: Basic Science Course Work

Applicants for either certificate must earn at least **27 semester credit hours** in the basic sciences. Some course work must address issues pertaining to normal and abnormal human development and behavior across the life span and to culturally diverse populations.

NOTE: For specific important implementation requirements visit ASHA Web site at: http://profesional.asha.org/certification/aud_standards.cfm or http://professional.asha.org/certification/slp_standards.cfm.

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Standard II-B: Professional Course Work

Applicants for either certificate must earn at least **36 semester credit hours** in courses that concern the nature, prevention, evaluation, and treatment of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

Those 36 semester credit hours must encompass courses in speech, language, and hearing that concern disorders primarily affecting children as well as disorders primarily affecting adults.

At least 30 of the 36 semester credit hours must be in courses for which graduate credit was received, and at least 21 of those 30 must be in the professional area for which the certificate is sought.

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Standard III: Supervised Clinical Observation and Clinical Practicum

Applicants for either certificate must complete **375 clock hours** of supervised clinical observation and supervised clinical practicum that are provided by the educational institution or by one of its cooperating programs.

An individual who holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in the appropriate area of practice must provide the supervision.

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Standard III-A: Clinical Observation Applicants for either certificate must complete at least **25 clock hours** of supervised observation prior to beginning the initial clinical practicum.

The 25 clock hours must concern the evaluation and treatment of children and adults with disorders of speech, language, or hearing.

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Standard III-B: Clinical Practicum Applicants for either certificate must complete at least **350 clock hours** of a supervised clinical practicum that concerns the evaluation and treatment of children and adults with disorders of speech, language, and hearing.

No more than 25 of the clock hours may be obtained from participation in staffing in which evaluation, treatment, or recommendations are discussed or formulated, with or without the client present.

At least 250 of the 350 clock hours must be completed in the professional area for which the certificate is sought while the applicant is engaged in graduate study.

NOTE: For specific implementation requirements visit the ASHA Web site at: http://professional.asha.org/certification/aud_standards.cfm or http://professional.asha.org/certification/slp_standards.cfm.

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Standards and Implementation Procedures for the CCC, Continued

Standard IV: National Examination

The examination has approximately 150 objective multiple-choice questions with a 2-hour time limit.

Applicants must pass the national examination in the area for which the certificate is sought. If the examination is not successfully passed within a 2-year period, the applicant's certification file will be closed.

If the examination is passed at a later date, the individual will have to reapply for certification under the standard in effect at the time of reapplication and will be required to pay the appropriate application fees.

The applicant must pass the examination within 2-years of the date the course work and practicum submitted by the applicant are approved by the CCB. The current passing score is 600.

Standard V: The Clinical Fellowship

After completion of academic coursework (Standard II) and clinical practicum (Standard III), the applicant must successfully complete a Clinical Fellowship.

The Fellowship consists of at least 36 weeks of full-time professional experience or its part-time equivalent.

The Fellowship must be completed under the supervision of an individual who holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in the area for which certification is sought.

The professional experience shall involve primarily clinical activities. The supervisor conducts a formal evaluation of the applicant's progress in the development of professional skills.

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Application

Application Order application booklets for ASHA certification from:

**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852**

Phone: (800) 498-2071

Ordering

Order Exams Follow application procedures as directed by ASHA. A letter accompanies the application on command letterhead from the TCO stating he or she will administer the exam.

The application form can be downloaded from ASHA Web site at:
http://professional.asha.org/certification/aud_toc.cfm or
http://professional.asha.org/certification/slp_toc.cfm.

Fees

Fees The fees listed below are subject to change.

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Membership and Certification	\$475
NSSLHA Conversion to ASHA	\$325
Recent Graduate	\$425
Certification without Membership	\$419
Membership without Certification	\$101
Dual Certification	\$256

Administration

Military Administration

DANTES TEST CENTERS MAY ADMINISTER THE ASHA CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION TO ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL ON AN UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) BASIS UNLESS EXISTING MILITARY REGULATIONS PROVIDE OTHERWISE.

Civilian Administration

DANTES test centers may administer the ASHA examination to the following civilians on **AN UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS), SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS** according to local command policy and Service regulations:

- Retired military personnel
 - Military family members
 - Veterans, and
 - U.S. federal employees
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Maintaining Certification

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Maintaining the CCC is contingent upon the timely payment of annual dues and fees.

Appeals

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Refer to the *Membership and Certification Handbook* for either the Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology examination for specifics on how to appeal at the following Web sites: http://professional.asha.org/certification/aud_appeal.cfm or http://professional.asha.org/certification/slp_appeal.cfm.

Security

Test Loss or Compromise

Refer to Part 1 of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)* for complete instructions if there is an ASHA test loss or compromise.

Contact DANTES immediately and refer to specific Service regulations for complete instructions if there is an ASHA test loss or compromise.

DANTES address is:

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Pensacola, FL 32509-5243**

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DSN: 922-1360
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Official Source of Information

ASHA Certification Examination

The ASHA Web site is the official source of data about the CCC certification examination, to include information about their costs, the qualifications of individuals who may hold these certifications and any other information pertaining to the credential.

WEB Pages and E-mail Addresses

DANTES Web Address

Access the DANTES web pages at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

ASHA Web Address

Access the ASHA Web page at www.asha.org.

DANTES E-mail Address

The DANTES Certification Program E-mail address is certprog@voled.doded.mil.
